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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school board member from Greenwood, SC School District #50. I am writing to thank you for your leadership, and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision, to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools - even the poorest - have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. Including discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital, and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

We have done a very good job locally in getting our schools ready for the Internet. Most of the wiring is complete and a local grant has helped us purchase hardware and external connections to provide dial-up capabilities for the schools. One of our most outstanding needs at this point is to place more PCs with modems in the classrooms so that they can connect to the services. These reductions in fees for Internet access and other telecommunications services can be applied to meet these needs.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize the opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our school children.

Sincerely,

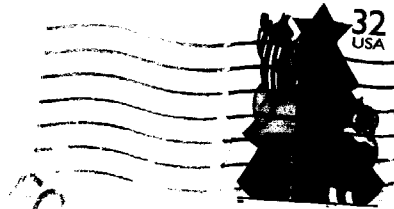
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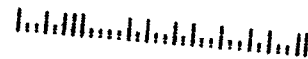


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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school board member from MSD of Pike Township, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

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Sincerely,



M.A. Booth
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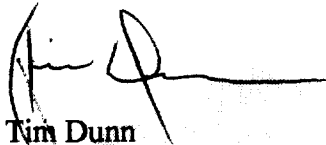
Dear Mr. Hundt:

Sir, my name is Tim Dunn and I am the Superintendent of Schools in Fairfield, Montana. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the leadership efforts to provide affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I would like to strongly urge the FCC to adopt, in their entirety, the recommendations from the Joint Board.

These discounts would assist our school district greatly. Presently we are in the process of networking our school district, as well as supplying our classrooms with hardware and appropriate educational software. My district, and hundreds or thousands of others, would benefit immensely from any purchasing discounts. We could better utilize the fiscal resources supplied by our community members. Discounts could allow us to do more for the children in our respective districts.

Chairman Hundt, please conduct all the deliberations and decision making with kids in mind. The Joint Board recommendations will greatly enhance technology education and will certainly benefit children as we approach the 21st century.

Respectfully submitted,


Tim Dunn
Superintendent Schools
Fairfield, Montana 59436

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to provide all schools with affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I was fortunate enough to be in the audience during your remarks at the National School Boards Association Technology and Learning Conference in Dallas this fall; you certainly kept the promises you made during that session. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range identified in the plan suggests that equitable access for all schools is possible. The inclusion of discounts for internal connections and Internet access is equally vital; without direct classroom services, telecommunications discounts are mere abstractions to students.

In our district, the Board of Education has taken progressive steps to wire our buildings and provide end user equipment for instruction. We have been fortunate to receive grants that have helped us to implement our technology vision faster than would have otherwise been possible. We still have a long way to go. Discounts for telecommunications services mean that we can spend money on training and professional development, end user equipment, infrastructure improvements, and network support. I can assure you that a favorable FCC response to the Joint Board recommendations will make a huge difference in the quality of instruction Mosinee can offer to its students. Thank you again for your efforts to date to resolve these critical issues, and for your continued influence helping the FCC understand the importance of these proposed policies to the future of American public education.

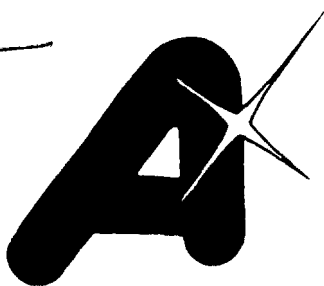
Very truly yours,



William R. Shirer

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**The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school board member from Alden Central School District, Alden, New York. On November 7, 1996, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a sliding scale education rate (E-Rate) of 20 to 90 percent for discounted telecommunications services in schools. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

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Alden is investing \$750,000 in wiring all of its buildings. In September, 1997, we will have the infrastructure for Internet connection. With this usage discount, we will be able to allow our students access to telecommunications at an affordable cost.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our school children.

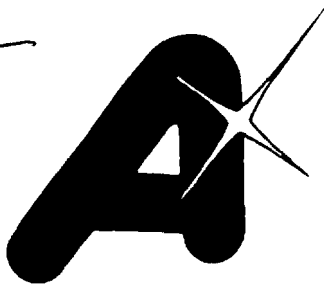
Sincerely,

Dorothy Weiss, Vice-President
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Sincerely,

Dennis O'Grady, President
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January 2, 1997

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Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am an administrator from the Green Bay Area Public School District, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 29 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools - even the poorest - have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will allow schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

This plan will allow our district to significantly speed up the implementation process for Internet access.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our schoolchildren.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Nerad
Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum and Instruction

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PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 31, 1996

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school board member from Pine-Richland School District, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools—even the poorest—have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

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Sincerely,

PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL BOARD

Susan Hunt
School Director

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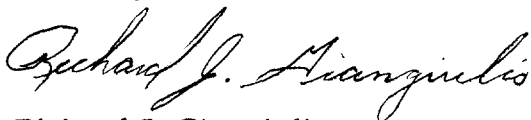
Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am the School Board President of the School District of Haverford Township, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools -- even the poorest -- have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

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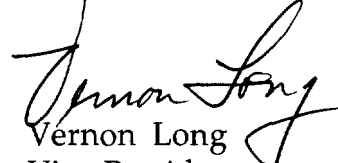
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PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL BOARD


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Sincerely,

PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL BOARD

Judith Brant, School Director
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Thank you for your leadership and that of the Joint Board of the F.C.C. for their decision to ensure that schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the F.C.C. to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The proposed "education rate" with a discount range of 20% to 90% will ensure that all schools have truly affordable telecommunications access. The plan is also very flexible and will allow schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital.

As you move ahead in your deliberations on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring enhanced technology to students at an affordable price.

Thanks for your continued support for education.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Hargrave, Jr., Member
Board of Education

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a School Board Member from Monroe County Board of Education - Congressional District #1 and I would like to Thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that All Schools will have Affordable Access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount Range of 20 to 90 Percent will ensure that All Schools - Even the Poorest - have truly Affordable Access. The Plan is also very flexible and will empower Schools to select the services that work best for their Educational Mission. Our School Sys is about to embark on "NetDays Alabama", a volunteer effort by companies, schools, parents and students to wire Public Schools for local Area Networks and Connection to the Internet. The inclusion of discounts on Internal Connections and Instant Access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the Classrooms of Monroe County Schools where the Students learn. The Discount will greatly help Monroe County Board of Education meet Technological learning for our Students.

As you move ahead in your deliberations on this
Important Issue, I urge you along with my fellow
Board Members to seize this opportunity to
Bring 21st Century Learning to the Student of
Monroe County.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Howard
At Member NSBA Federal Relations Network
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